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SUBJ: EC DEMARCHE TO GOU CRITICIZES HUMAN RIGHTS PERFORMANCE AND  
REQUESTS END OF YEAR AMNESTY FOR POLITICAL PRISONERS

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED COPY OF DEMARCHE PRESENTED TO  
AMBASSADOR ALVARO ALVAREZ, URUGUAYAN FOREIGN OFFICE,  
BY BELGIAN CHARGE AS SPOKESMAN FOR EC COUNTRIES.  
TEST AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE ON BEHALF OF THE NINE MEMBER NATIONS OF THE  
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EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, I HAVE BEEN REQUESTED AS A REPRESENTATIVE  
OF THE COUNTRY CURRENTLY ACTING AS PRESIDENT (OF THE EC),  
TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION A CONCERN WE SHARE REGARDING HUMAN  
RIGHTS IN URUGUAY. ON SEPTEMBER 30, 1976, THE AMBASSADOR OF  
THE NETHERLANDS MADE A DEMARCH AND HAD EXTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS  
ON THIS SUBJECT WITH THE INTERIM (ACTING) FOREIGN  
MINISTER. SINCE THAT TIME, THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE EUROPEAN

COMMUNITY HAVE NOT DISCERNED ANY APPRECIABLE IMPROVEMENT IN THE URUGUAYAN GOVERNMENT'S TREATMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS ACCORDING TO INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS ENDORSED BY THE UN AND URUGUAY. IN VIEW OF THIS, I HAVE RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE GOVERNMENTS OF THESE NINE COUNTRIES TO PRESENT THE FOLLOWING POSITION.

THE GOVERNMENTS AND PUBLIC IN THE NINE MEMBER COUNTRIES ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE STATUS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN URUGUAY. IN VIEW OF URUGUAY'S HISTORY OF DEMOCRATIC AND HUMANE GOVERNMENT AND URUGUAY'S RECENTLY ANNOUNCED DECISION TO GRANT AN AMNESTY, THE NINE COUNTRIES APPEAL TO URUGUAY TO GRANT AS BROAD AND GENEROUS AN AMNESTY AS POSSIBLE, WITH FULL RESPECT FOR HUMAN DIGNITY TOWARD THOSE PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN DETAINED OR IMPRISONED AS A RESULT OF THEIR FIGHT FOR FREEDOM OF SPEECH, POLITICAL CONVICTION AND FREEDOM OF RELIGION. IN LIGHT OF THE UPCOMING CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS, WE EMPHASIZE OUR CONCERN FOR THE WOMEN WHO ARE DETAINED IN PUNTA DE RIELES AND SEPARATED FROM THEIR CHILDREN.

THE NINE GOVERNMENTS WISH TO EMPHASIZE THAT THEY ARE ACTING IN A SPIRIT OF GOOD WILL TOWARD URUGUAY AND BECAUSE OF THEIR GENERAL PREOCCUPATION WITH HUMAN RIGHTS ALL OVER THE WORLD, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THAT EXPRESSED IN VARIOUS RESOLUTIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS.  
END QUOTE.

2. AMBASSADOR ALVAREZ REPORTEDLY WAS FURIOUS IN RECEIVING THE  
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DEMARCHE AND TOLD THE BELGIAN CHARGE THAT "THERE IS NOTHING WE CAN LEARN FROM THE EC COUNTRIES ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS." HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT "THERE WOULD BE VERY SERIOUS REPERCUSSIONS FROM THIS APPROACH BY THE EC."  
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